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Rob, Could you please explain what the LOOP facility is/**does**? Thanks.

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Sandra - I am still suspect of any refinery issues from the BP spill. That is not to say that someone might be using it as a reason to raise prices, but it probably not related to crude deliveries. As long as the LOOP facility is operating (i.e., the spill does not move westward from its current location and the Coast Guard curtails shipping in that area), the vast majority of refineries will still receive crude from the Port Fouchon pipeline network. The only refineries that might be dependent on ship deliveries (the 2 refineries south of New Orleans and in Pascagoula) could be impacted is shipping is suspended in the spill area, but I am not certain about those. This article ran today in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Energy experts disagree on whether gulf oil spill will lead to higher gas prices

Posted Monday, May. 03, 2010

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The massive oil spill in the [Gulf of Mexico](#) won't cause higher retail gasoline prices, two people familiar with petroleum markets said Monday. But a third said he thinks that it will be a contributing factor in boosting pump prices.

"The oil spill is a serious, serious environmental story and probably a serious political story," said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst for the Oil Price Information Service, which tracks gasoline prices for AAA.

But the spill is the result of a blowout at a single offshore rig and shouldn't affect overall U.S. [oil production](#) or gasoline prices, he said. "There's a lot of excess refining capacity" along the Gulf Coast, he said.

Gas prices are likely to continue rising this week, and could peak at a national average of \$3, he said. But pump prices tend to go up with increased spring and summer driving, and expectations of a rebounding economy have already driven up oil and gasoline prices on futures markets, he said.

Gasoline is refined from crude oil. U.S. retail gas prices average nearly \$2.90 a gallon, up 4.9 cents in the past week and 82 cents higher than a year ago, the federal Energy Information Administration said Monday.

Bernard Weinstein, associate director of the Maguire Energy Institute at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and a well-known economist, said the oil spill will contribute to higher pump prices "because of the uncertainty it creates," especially in regard to its potential to curb domestic offshore drilling.

"Without question, we're going to be looking at higher gasoline prices ... oil prices are already going up," said Weinstein, who was attending the annual Offshore Technology Conference in Houston Monday.

Bill Day, communications director at San Antonio-based Valero Energy, a large refiner, said the company doesn't expect any disruption to supply or production at any of its Gulf Coast refineries as a result of the spill.

"Given that, we don't expect any impact on prices," he said.

Oil prices are rising as a result of market fundamentals "not related to the oil spill," he said, with

investors putting money into oil and other commodities because "there's nervousness" about currencies and the stock market.

In futures trading Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, oil closed at \$86.19 a barrel cents, in contracts for June delivery.

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Read more:

<http://www.star-telegram.com/2010/05/03/2161107/energy-experts-disagree-on-whether.html#ixzz0mxX>

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Attached is the fuel price update for May 4.

The emergency fuel waiver group (OTAQ, OECA & DOE) has begun monitoring the impact of the Gulf oil slick on both refinery operations and shipping/fuel supplies. There are a few web sites with coordinated updates about the BP spill. -

The main cross agency site coordinated by the Coast Guard:

<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/site/2931/>

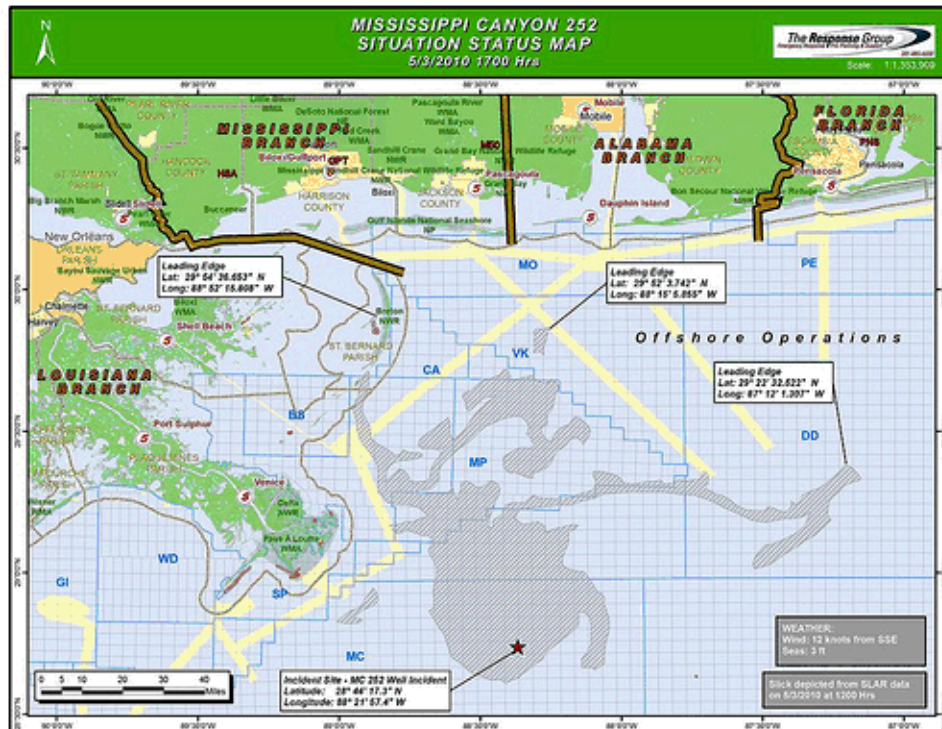
DOE (energy reliability and situation reports):

http://www.oe.netl.doe.gov/named_event.aspx?ID=28

EPA's own site for the incident is at:

<http://www.epa.gov/bpspill/>

May 3, 5 pm overflight map of spill (from the deepwaterhorizonresponse.com site)



Gas Price Spreadsheet:

[attachment "Gas 2010.xls" deleted by Rob Lawrence/R6/USEPA/US]

RETAIL GAS PRICES: Prices **increased** 4.8 cents/gallon or less in **surveyed cities**; except **St. Louis** and **East St. Louis** where prices **decreased** 0.7 cent/gallon or less.

WHOLESALE GAS PRICES: Prices **increased** 2.2 to 6.2 cents/gallon in **all surveyed cities**; except **Detroit** where the price of clear CG **decreased**.

RFG/CG PRICE DIFFERENTIAL: Chicago/Champaign +31.2 cents/gallon; Milwaukee/Madison +7.6; East St. Louis/Champaign +14.3 cents/gallon; Philadelphia/Allentown +6.9 cents/gallon; New York/Albany +12 cents/gallon.

RETAIL DIESEL PRICES: The national average retail price of diesel is \$3.11 per gallon. The current price is \$1.74 per gallon lower than the record of 7/17/08. The current prices is 13 cents/gallon higher than a month ago today and 86 cents/gallon higher than a year ago today.

E85 PRICES: The national average for E85 is \$2.28 per gallon and \$3.00 per gallon adjusted for BTU per gasoline (see <http://www.fuelgaugereport.com/>). The btu adjusted price is 10 cents/gallon more than gasoline.

HISTORICAL GAS PRICE INFORMATION:

The national average price of regular unleaded is \$2.90 per gallon, The current price is \$1.21 per gallon lower than the record of 7/17/08. The current price is 7 cents/gallon more than the price a month ago today and 83 cents/gallon higher than a year ago today.

Retail gas prices in all surveyed cities range from 64 cents to 92 cents/gallon more than a year

ago.

tab "c" of the spreadsheet:

	Year Ago	5/4/10	Highest ever	Date of highest
Chicago (RFG)	228.30	315.40	434.00	7/16/08
Champaign (CG)	203.00	284.20	408.9	7/17/08
Milwaukee (RFG)	220.70	298.50	420.10	7/16/08
Madison (CG)	207.40	290.90	408.2	7/16/08
St. Louis (RFG)	199.70	287.50	398.3	7/14/08
East St. Louis (RFG)	213.50	298.50	420.3	7/15/08
Albany (CG)	217.10	300.80	421.0	7/8/08
New York (RFG)	227.20	312.80	441.1	7/16/08
Allentown (CG)	206.30	288.80	405.6	7/9/08
Philadelphia (RFG)	211.70	295.70	415.5	6/20/08
Louisville (RFG)	204.10	291.00	426.8	6/30/08
Detroit (CG-low RVP)	211.40	293.00	420.1	7/16/08
Atlanta* (CG-low S, Low RVP)	190.40	282.80	411.40	9/16/08
Macon (CG)	187.70	278.60	429.10	9/15/08
Hartford (RFG)	218.40	307.80	436.40	6/18/08
Baton Rouge* (low RVP CG)	192.80	276.40	399.00	7/18/08
Lafayette (CG-low RVP)	198.60	278.20	404.00	7/17/08
Denver/Boulder (CG-low RVP)	203.70	269.80	400.6	7/17/08
Colorado Springs (CG)	203.60	267.70	398.3	7/17/08

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**RFG is stayed by Court order pending remand decision
by EPA in Atlanta and Baton Rouge*

